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Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR DATABASE LOCK WITH REFERENCE
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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.